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12/14/88 LETTER TO POST.

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS CAREFULLY READ NEUMANN'S LETTER (REF B). AS BEFORE, HE HAS MANAGED TO TELL ANOTHER PART OF THE STORY, BUT BY NO MEANS ALL. HE HAS AGAIN FAILED TO ADDRESS ANY OF THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS POSED BY DEPARTMENT IN ITS SERIES OF CABLES. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT MR. NEUMANN IS WILLING TO RELATE DETAILS OF HIS CAREER IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER. DEPTOFF FINDS HIMSELF IN THE CURIOUS POSITION OF SUSPECTING MR. NEUMANN TO BE FREE OF INELIGIBILITY UNDER 212 (A) (33), BUT BEING UNABLE TO CLEAR HIM BECAUSE HIS RETICENCE AND SELECTIVE APHASIA CONTINUE TO BLOCK LINES OF INQUIRY.

2. DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO REVERSE ITS PREVIOUS FINDING OF INELIGIBILITY BASED UPON THE CONTENTS OF NEUMANN'S LETTER. GIVEN THE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME AND

RESOURCES ALREADY DEVOTED TO THIS CASE, DEPTOFF SUGGESTS

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THAT POST CONTACT HIM ONE MORE TIME, ADVISING HIM THAT HIS CASE WILL BE CLOSED IF HE WILL NOT COMPLETELY AND SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN DEPARTMENT'S CABLES. IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO HIM, AGAIN, THAT ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN THEMSELVES DO NOT QUALIFY AS GROUNDS FOR INELIGIBILITY UNDER 212 (A) (33). IF POST HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, IT MAY ACQUAINT MR. NEUMANN WITH ALL THE EVIDENCE COMPILED IN THE CASE SO FAR, INCLUDING THE CAPTURED WAR DOCUMENTS SENT TO POST BY DEPARTMENT.

3. IN ADDRESSING THE CONTENTIONS RAISED BY NEUMANN IN HIS LETTER, IT MUST BE POINTED OUT THAT HE IS PLAYING A GAME OF SEMANTICS WHEN DEALING WITH HIS RELATIONSHIP TO THE SICHERHEITSDIENST. AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE ONE, HE STATES, "FROM FEBRUARY 1934 UNTIL MAY 1945, DESPITE OSTENSIBLY CONTRARY EVIDENCE ("VERMERKE," I.E. DOCUMENTS), I WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE SD." LATER, ON PAGE TWO HE INSISTS, "FROM THE TERMINATION OF MY ASSIGNMENT AS ADJUTANT IN SEPTEMBER 1939, I NEITHER SAW NOR SPOKE TO HEYDRICH AGAIN."

4. BOTH THESE STATEMENTS MAY BE LITERALLY TRUE, BUT THEY SERVE TO DISGUISE THE REALITY OF HIS SERVICE. NEUMANN MAY HAVE CEASED TO BE A CARD-CARRYING MEMBER OF THE SD FROM 1934 ON, AND HE MAY NEVER HAVE PHYSICALLY SEEN OR SPOKEN TO HEYDRICH AFTER SEPTEMBER, 1939. THERE IS OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE IN HIS PERSONNEL FILE, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD SOME KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SD FROM 1933 UNTIL LATE 1944. IN ADDITION TO THE EVIDENCE ALREADY PROVIDED TO POST, DEPTOFF WISHES TO LIST (AT GREAT LENGTH) FURTHER EXAMPLES OF THIS RELATIONSHIP, HOPING THAT NEUMANN WILL REALIZE THAT HIS ABOVEMENTIONED STATEMENTS ARE SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE.

5. -AN APRIL 4, 1941 DOCUMENT, "PERSONALVERFUGUNG" (PERSONNEL ACTION NOTICE) ISSUED BY THE SS-FUHRUNGSHAUPTAMT, STATES THAT SS HAUPTSTURMFUHRER HANS-HENDRIK NEUMANN, SS NUMBER 9925, UNTIL NOW ASSIGNED TO THE SD-HAUPTAMT, WILL, EFFECTIVE APRIL 10, 1941, BE ASSIGNED TO THE STAFF OF THE BEFEHLSHABER DER WAFFEN-SS "NORD" AS IC. NEUMANN'S UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT BEFORE APRIL 10, 1941 WAS CLEARLY THE SD-HAUPTAMT.

-A LETTER ON LETTERHEAD "DER CHEF DER SICHERHEITSPOLIZEI UND DES SD" (HEYDRICH'S TITLE) WITH THE CORRECT ADDRESS FOR THE SD HAUPTAMT (PRINZ-ALBRECHT-STRASSE 8) DATED 18 SEPTEMBER, 1941, FROM

SECTION 1A (PERSONNEL SECTION). ADDRESSED TO THE SS-FUHRUNGSHAUPTAMT AND SIGNED "IM AUFTRAG" BY A HAUPTSTURMFUHRER HAPKER, IT RECORDS NEUMANN'S RELEASE (ENTLASSUNG) FROM ITS JURISDICTION UPON HIS ASSIGNMENT AS POLICE ATTACHE IN STOCKHOLM, GIVING HIS CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH. CLEARLY, NEUMANN WAS ASSIGNED IN SOME MANNER TO THE SD SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD BEFORE THIS DOCUMENT WAS ISSUED.

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-A LETTER ON THE SAME LETTERHEAD "DER CHEF DER SICHERHEITSPOLIZEI UND DES SD" AND SIGNED BY HEYDRICH, DATED OCTOBER 15, 1941 TO THE SS PERSONALHAUPTAMT. IN THIS LETTER, HEYDRICH IS REQUESTING A PROMOTION FOR NEUMANN TO STURMBANNFUHRER. IN THIS LETTER HE STATES THAT THIS PROMOTION WOULD PUT HIM AT THE SAME RANK AS "TWO OTHER COMRADES IN THE SD". IT IS CLEAR FROM THIS PASSAGE THAT NEUMANN WAS IN THE SD. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THE TWO "KAMERADEN" MENTIONED, RAUSCH AND DAUFELDT, UNDERLINE WHY DEPARTMENT CANNOT CLEAR NEUMANN WITHOUT A FULL EXPLANATION OF HIS ACTIVITIES. DAUFELDT SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME, FOR A SHORT TIME THE HEAD OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN DESK OF AMT SIX OF THE SD (FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE). GUNTHER RAUSCH, HOWEVER, BECAME THE COMMANDER OF SONDERKOMMANDO 7B OF EINSATZGRUPPE B, AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDERS OF MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A MILLION PEOPLE. THIS LETTER INCIDENTALLY, GIVES NEUMANN'S CORRECT AGE, SS NUMBER, PARTY NUMBER AND DATE OF ENTRY INTO THE WAFFEN SS

-ANOTHER PERSONALVERFUGUNG, DATED NOVEMBER 4, 1941, ISSUED BY THE SS-PERSONALHAUPTAMT. IT STATES THAT A STURMBANNFUHRER HANS-HENDRIK NEUMANN, WITH SS NUMBER 9925, WILL BE, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 1941, TRANSFERRED TO THE SD HAUPTAMT.

-A PERSONALVERFUGUNG DATED NOVEMBER 25, 1941, WHICH STATES THAT STURMBANNFUHRER HANS-HENDRIK NEUMANN, SS NUMBER 9925, UNTIL NOW ASSIGNED TO THE AUFKLARUNGS-ABTEILUNG OF THE SS DIVISION "NORD," WAS ASSIGNED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7, 1941 TO THE INFANTRY REPLACEMENT BATTALION OF THE 1ST SS DIVISION (LEIBSTANDARTE ADOLF HITLER). AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE IS A TYPEWRITTEN NOTE SAYING, "CONCURRENTLY ORDERED, WITHOUT SALARY, TO THE SD-HAUPTAMT." IT IS CLEAR FROM THIS THAT THE ASSIGNMENT TO THE REPLACEMENT BATTALION WAS SOLELY AN ASSIGNMENT OF RECORD, PERHAPS INTENDED TO KEEP NEUMANN FROM BEING DRAFTED INTO THE WEHRMACHT BY MAINTAINING HIS MILITARY SERVICE STATUS.

-SEVERAL LETTERS DURING 1942 CONCERNING NEUMANN IN WHICH THE SD-HAUPTAMT RECEIVES INFORMATION COPIES.

-A LETTER DATED JULY 24, 1942 FROM THE REICHSSICHERHEITSHAUPTAMT, THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION CONTAINING THE SD, THE GESTAPO AND THE POLICE, TO THE SS PERSONALHAUPTAMT REQUESTING A COPY OF THE PROMOTION CERTIFICATE FOR HANS-HENDRIK NEUMANN, SS NUMBER 9925.

-A LETTER ON LETTERHEAD "DER CHEF DER SICHERHEITSPOLIZEI UND DES SD" DATED DECEMBER 17, 1943 IN WHICH A OBERSTURMBANNFUHRER HANS-HENDRIK NEUMANN, SS NUMBER 9925, IS DESCRIBED AS THE LANDESGRUPPENLEITER OF THE AUSLANDS-ORGANISATION IN NORWAY. IN THIS LETTER, IT IS STATED THAT NEUMANN IS ON DETACHED DUTY TO THE AUSLANDS-ORGANISATION DER NSDAP FROM THE CHEF DER SICHERHEITSPOLIZEI UND DES SD

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-A REPORT FROM THE REICHSSICHERHEITSHAUPTAMT, SECTION 1A (PERSONNEL) TO THE SS PERSONALHAUPTAMT DATED OCTOBER 12, 1944, MARKED "PERSONAL," RELATING THE ACTIVITES OF NEUMANN AS HIMMLER'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN NORTHERN NORWAY.

6. IT IS CLEAR FROM THE ABOVE THAT NEUMANN'S TESTIMONY TO DATE IS UNRELIABLE AND DOES NOT FIT THE FACTS AS WE KNOW THEM. HIS ARGUMENT THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL HANS NEUMANNS IN THE SS DURING THIS PERIOD IS IRRELEVANT TO THE ISSUE, GIVEN THE FACT THAT HE IS IDENTIFIED IN MOST CORRESPONDENCE BY HIS DATE OF BIRTH AND SS NUMBER. HE HAS CONSISTENTLY TRIED TO MINIMIZE HIS RELATIONSHIP TO HEYDRICH, HIMMLER, BORMANN AND THE TOP OF THE NAZI HIERARCHY. THERE IS INFORMATION AVAILABLE WHICH POINTS TO HIM HAVING BEEN CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH SOME OR ALL OF THE ABOVE. HIS FATHER-IN-LAW WERNER DAITZ WAS, IN FACT, THE HEAD OF THE FOREIGN TRADE OFFICE OF THE AUSSENPOLITISCHES AMT OF THE NAZI PARTY, IT'S PURPOSE WAS TO CO-OPT THE FOREIGN OFFICE, WHICH WAS CONSIDERED UNRELIABLE BY THE NAZIS. HIS WIFE, NEE HELGA DAITZ, WAS, UNTIL SHE MARRIED, A PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENT WHO WAS APPRENTICED TO THE NAZI COURT PHOTOGRAPHER HEINRICH HOFFMAN, THE ONLY MAN PERMITTED TO TAKE PICTURES OF HITLER.

7. IT IS ALSO CLEAR, FROM TWO PERSONAL LETTERS WHICH WOUND UP IN HIS FILES, THAT NEUMANN WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF MAX DE CRINIS, THE HEAD OF THE NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF BERLIN CHARITE HOSPITAL. DE CRINIS WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF WALTER SCHELLENBERG, HEYDRICH'S CLOSEST ASSOCIATE AND HEAD OF AMT SIX (FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE) OF THE SD. HE WAS ALSO A PERSONAL FRIEND OF MARTIN BORMANN, HITLER'S SECRETARY AND HEAD OF THE PARTY ADMINISTRATION. ACCORDING TO SCHELLENBERG'S STATEMENT, DE CRINIS PARTICIPATED IN THE FAMOUS VENLO INCIDENT, IN WHICH HE AND SCHELLENBERG, POSING AS DISSIDENT GERMAN MILITARY OFFICERS, KIDNAPPED TWO BRITISH SECRET SERVICE AGENTS, PAYNES AND BEST, IN HOLLAND, AND BROUGHT THEM TO GERMANY.

8. TO RECAPITULATE THE CASE, THERE IS EXHAUSTIVE CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE POINTING TO THE FACT THAT NEUMANN WAS A YOUNG MAN WITH CLOSE CONNECTIONS TO THE TOP MEN IN THE NAZI HIERARCHY, AND THAT HE FUNCTIONED AS A CONFIDENTIAL AND TRUSTED AGENT FOR AT LEAST ONE OF THESE PEOPLE. HIS RELATIONSHIP MAY HAVE BEEN ON A PERSONAL LOYALTY LEVEL RATHER THAN A FORMAL MEMBERSHIP STATUS, BUT THERE IS SIMPLY TOO MUCH INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ACCEPT NEUMANN'S CASUAL DISMISSAL OF THE FACTS AND DOCUMENTS IN THE CASE. NEUMANN STILL HAS NOT CLARIFIED HIS RELATIONSHIP TO REINHARD HEYDRICH AND THE SD, NOR TO HIMMLER AND MARTIN BORMANN. HE HAS NOT DETAILED THE PURPOSE OF HIS ASSIGNMENT TO TOKYO, EXPLAINED WHAT HE WAS DOING IN GENEVA IN JULY, 1942 AS PART OF THE GERMAN RED CROSS, EXPLAINED THE REFERENCE TO THE NORWEGIAN PRINZ

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HARALD IN THE LETTER FROM WILHELM HAGELIN TO LAMMERS, NOR ADEQUATELY CLARIFIED WHY HE WAS SENT TO NORWAY ON A SPECIAL MISSION FOR HIMMLER IN 1940.

9. ALSO UNEXPLAINED IS WHY NEUMANN'S ASSIGNMENT TO TOKYO WAS BROKEN AND WHY HE WAS REASSIGNED TO HITLER'S FIELD HQ. HIS ASSIGNMENT TO SWEDEN, AS HE DESCIBES IT IN HIS LETTER, IS STILL INCONSISTENT WITH THE LETTER HEYDRICH SENT TO KURT DALUEGE REGARDING HIS MISSION, A COPY OF WHICH DEPARTMENT FORWARDED TO POST. BAKER

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END OF MESSAGE

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